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SUBJECT: INTER- AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

1. VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTRY BY NOTE OF MAY 18 HAS INVITED
USG TO PARTICIPATE IN AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO STUDY ESTABLISHMENT
OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RURAL ORGANIZATIONS. THIS
INITIATIVE BY VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A
RECOMMENDATION OF 6 TH INTER- AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURE
HELD

IN LIMA, MAY, 1971. AD HOC WORKING GROUP WOULD MEET IN CARACAS
AUGUST 7-11, 1973 UNDER AUSPICES OF OAS.

2. EMBELSY HAS NO ONE APPROPRIATE TO REPRESENT USG IN THIS
CONFERENCE SINCE WE HAVE NO AID AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY AND AGRARIAN
REFORM IS NOT OF SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN BILATERAL US- VENEZUELAN
RELATIONS. BECAUSE WE ARE INVOLVED IN FINAL STAGES OF PHASING OUT
AID ACTIVITIES HERE, WE WOULD NOT WISH TO HAVE USG REPRESENTED IN
THIS CONFERENCE BY REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS EMBASSY.

3. REQUEST INSTRUCTION FOR REPLYING TO NOTE. QUESTIONS WHETHER
AND AT WHAT LEVEL TO PARTICIPATE GO BEYOND US- VENEZUELAN BILATERAL
RELATIONS AND ARE FOR WASHINGTON TO DECIDE. WE WISH TO RAISE,
HOWEVER, A QUESTION WHETHER IN LIGHT OF NEW US POLICIES OF LOW-
PROFILE AND EMPHASIS ON BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP THIS ACTIVITY MAY
BE ONE IN WHICH USG MIGHT CHOOSE EITHER NOT TO PARTICIPATE OR
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TO PARTICIPATE IN MINIMAL FASHION. THIS JUDGMENT WOULD DEPEND
IN LARGE EXTENT UPON DEGREE OF USG INVOLVEMENT IN BILATERAL
BASIS WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN FIELD OF AGRARIAN
REFORM.

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